may worsen congestion at IGI Airport Delhi and other airports in Northern India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. At Indira Ganghi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi, there are 7 double bed rooms and 2 four bed rooms comprising of 22 beds in Terminal-IB and the Dormitory accommodation of 62 beds near car parking area of Terminal-II.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken adequate measures to utilize the infrastructure available inside the terminal building and at the airside during fog conditions at IGI airport. The contingency plan of AAI, inter-alia, includes supply of additional foodstuff, mineral water, tea, coffee and beverages, forecasting of Meteorological Information regularly at an interval of six hours, provision of special counters to disseminate flight information, provision of additional chairs in all the terminals, prompt display of flight delays, positioning of additional personal for toilet clearing, deployment of additional man power to look after congestion and customs Immigration X-ray machines and security. Besides, Airport Directors of Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Bhubaneshwar and Vadodara have been advised to gear up existing facilities like parking bays, safety services and increased watch hours for air traffic services to handle diverted air traffic from Delhi airport.

Suspension of operation of Mumbai airport at night

2902. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from residents of Mumbai that Mumbai airport operation should be suspended between 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. as it is a violation of the guidelines on the subject; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Some local people staying in Sahar villages close to Terminal II (International) have demanded through Police Authorities that night opearation between 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. should be suspended as they create noise pollution.

(b) As suspension of operation of flights during night hours will have wide ranging ramification on domestic and international flights, this demand cannot be met.

Website for Airfares

2903. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that passengers have to consult individual airline website to check the best fares available in the market for all the domestic flights; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to make available the information on a single website?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Air fares are not regulated by the Government. Airlines are, however, free to display their respective fares on any common portal.

International flights from Pune

2904. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune is emerging as an international airport;

(b) if so, the number and details of international flights that are already commercially operational or are scheduled to be operational in forseable future;

(c) what is the estimated cost for expansion, development and modernisation of the airport;

(d) by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Air India and Indian Airlines have commenced scheduled international services to/from Pune. Air India has started three flights a week in the sector Mumbai-Pune-Dubai and *vice versa* and Indian Airlines has commenced two flights a week in the sector Pune-Hyderabad-Singapore and return.